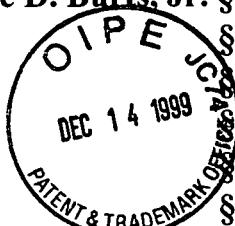


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**RESPONSE TO THE OFFICE ACTION OF JULY 21, 1999**

The Assistant Commissioner of Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

Dear Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action of July 21, 1999, the following Amendments and Remarks are respectfully submitted.

**AMENDMENTS**

Please amend the claims as follows:

4. (Amended) The additive of claim 3 wherein the hydrophobic fibers comprise at least one selected from the group of hydrophobic fibers consisting [essentially] of nylon, rayon, and hydrocarbon fibers, and wherein the hydrophilic fibers comprise at least one selected from the group of hydrophilic fibers consisting [essentially] of glass, cellulose, carbon, silicon, graphite, calcined petroleum coke, and cotton fibers.

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